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THE STEER FAMILY





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Bernard Steer	- 1587	- Joan	
Simon Steer	- 1623	- Rose	- 1623
William Steer	- 1696	- Anna (Amy) Holmes	-
John Steer	- 1704	- Elizabeth	-
William Steer	1699 - 1762	- Phillis Holmes	- 1764
John Steer	1729 - 1795	- Ann Brookland	-
Thomas Steer	1763 - 1837	- Wilnot (Winifred) Evans	1764 - 1848
William Steer	1789 - 1840	- Mary Sampson	- 1840
Thomas Steer	1822 - 1900	- Grace Mitchell	1822 - 1912
Rachel Steer	1862 - 1942	- Charles E. Duryea	1861 - 1938
Rhea M. Duryea	1885 -	- W. Harvey Johnson	1875 - 1938

Mrs. W. Harvey Johnson,  
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## THE STEER FAMILY

The Steer family was settled at Colebrooke, Devon, England, as early as 1558, when the parish register commences. Owing to gaps in the register it is impossible to give a connected descent from the earlier names found, and the earliest known ancestor of the branch was Bernard Steer of Crediton and Colebrooke, whose will was proved in 1587.

Various spellings found in the early records were Sture, Stewre, Steave, Stear, Stare, Steers and Steer.

The pedigree of the branch in England was compiled by a genealogist in England after a search of the parish registers, wills, Bishops' Transcripts, Census for 1851, and other records preserved by the Devon and Cornwall Record Society at Exeter, Devonshire.



Will of Bernard Stewre of Crediton, Devon, England

Consistory Court Exeter for Bernard Stewre of Crediton date 21, October 1587.

To be buried in the churchyard of Crediton.

To Thomas my son my joint table bord.

To my son William my great chest and my second coffer, a frying pan, my second latten dish, one tin pot, my second brass crock, my lesser skillet, the third forme.

To Simon my son my loomes and my warping tree, my quill turne, my best brass crocke, two formes, the lesser latten dish, one tin pot, my greater skillet, the better of my two coffers, my cupecard and cauldron and if he die before he is 21 and not married his portion of goods to remain to his brother William, and likewise if his brother William die before he come to marriage or 21 years, this my will is that his bequest come to his brother Simon.

To my daughter Thomasin three platters, three podgers and saucers and two candlesticks and my third brass crock and my other brewing kive, two bedsheets and two old platters that her grandmother gave her.

To my daughter Joan three platters, three podgers and three saucers and two candlesticks and my greater brewing kive and one bedsheet.

To Joan my wife one baking tub and two planks that I bought of her.

To my two sons William and Simon my bed and bed clothing.

I will that my woode be sold to the apparelling of William and Simon.

I will also that my kersey be sold to maintain me in my sickness and to bring me to the earth.

Residue to Simon my son, executor.

Overseer: William Newhouse, minister.

The executor being a minor administration during the minority was granted to William Newhouse, clerk the overseer, on 13 November 1587.

A bond given by said William Newhouse, Gilbert Thresher of Crediton, husbandman and John Quash of the same, weaver, in £20.

Definitions:

"latten" - metal in thin sheets, especially brass.

"podger" - porringer

"kive" - (koeve) - a vat or tub, as a brewer's mash tub, or a large vat in which goods are boiled, bleached, etc.

"kersey" - a smooth, light-weight beaver cloth.





Will of Symon Steere of Colebrooke

Dean and Chapter of Exeter for Symon Steere of Colebrooke, husbandman.

Dated last day of March 1623.

To my sons Robert Steere, William Steere, and Symon Steere £4 each when they come to the age of 20.

To my four daughters Anne Steere, Joane Steere, Dawnes Steere and Rose 40s each when they are 20.

My rulers to pay my debts between this date and 1 August next.

To my brother Robert Steere of South Tawton my best suit of apparell.

Residue to Rose Steere my wife, executrix.

Rulers and overseers, Robert Frost of Colebrooke, tanner and Arthur Payne (or Paynd) of same, groome.

Wits. said Robert Frost, Arthur Payne, Henry Hooper, and Robert Steere.

Proved 24 Apr. 1623 by ex'rix.

Invent. by Thos. Reeve, John Trowe, yeoman, Robert Froste, and Arthur Paynde of Colebrooke, groomes. 4 Apr. 1623.

Apparell £4

corn growing in his tenement at Down St. Mary £6

corn growing in his tenement at Coleford £13

All his wool fine and coarse £4 - 15s

2 pair of wosterd combs 10s

Due from Thos. Borne of Crediton for 18 lb. of worsted yarn 48s

Due from Nehemiah Palmer and Zachary Bremacombe and John Gribble all of Crediton various debts for yarn.

Farm stock and household goods.

Sum £84 - 17 - 4

Estate of Rose Steere of Colebrooke

Dean and Chapter of Exeter for Administration of Rose Steere, widow of Colebrooke granted 18 July 1623 to Thomas Reeve, Matthew Froste, Robert Froste, George Hill, John Trowe during minority of Robert, William and Simon, Ann, Joan, Dawnes and Rose Steere, children of deceased.

Bond of Thomas Reeve, Matthew Froste, Robert Froste and George Hill and John Trowe of Colebrooke, husbandmen, in £150 dated 18 July, 1623.

Condition that during minority of Robert, William, Simon, Ann, Joan, Dawnes and Rose Steere, children of Rose Steere, the elder, they shall administer to use of said children and educate and bring them up.

Inventory by Thomas Reeve, John Trowe, George Hill, Matthew Froste, and Robert Froste, yeomen. 16 July 1623.

Corn at Down St. Mary and Colebrooke

Farm stock and household goods.

Sum £46 - 14 - 6



# THE STEER FAMILY IN ENGLAND

## A. BERNARD STEER OF CREDITON

Will dated Oct. 21, 1587 - proved Nov. 13, 1587 (see page i)

m. Joan -----

Issue:-

1. Simon Steer                    a minor in 1587 (see B)
2. Thomas Steer                bur. Colebrooke June 12, 1632
- m. Audry Frye                bur. Colebrooke Sept. 18, 1640
3. Robert Steer                of South Tawton            living 1623
- m. and had issue -
- a. Roger Steer    bapt. South Tawton May 10, 1609
- b. Iscota Steer   bapt. South Tawton May 17, 1611
4. William Steer                a minor in 1587    bur. South Tawton Apr. 27, 1635
1. Thomasin Steer
2. Joan Steer

## B. SIMON STEER OF COLEBROOKE

a minor in 1587    bur. Colebrooke Apr. 4, 1623

Will dated Mar. 31, 1623 - proved Apr. 24, 1623 (see page ii)

m. Rose -----

bur. Colebrooke May 25, 1623  
estate papers dated July 18, 1623 (see page ii)

Issue:-

1. Robert Steer                a minor in 1623    bur. Colebrooke Oct. 19, 1637
- m. Nov. 26, 1642 Elizabeth Bolte
- bur. Colebrooke Dec. 6 1678

Issue:-

- a. Rose Steer                bapt. Colebrooke July 4, 1651
- bur. Colebrooke Feb. 15, 1656
- b. Robert Steer    bur. Colebrooke Mar. 1, 1657
2. William Steer                a minor in 1623 (see C)
3. Simon Steer                a minor in 1623    bur. Colebrooke Feb. 13, 1676, 7
1. Anne Steer                bapt. Colebrooke Apr. 16, 1608
2. Joan Steer                bapt. Colebrooke May 2, 1611
3. Dewnes Steer                a minor in 1623
4. Rose Steer                bapt. Colebrooke Mar. 25, 1623
- bur. Colebrooke Dec. 22 1624

## C. WILLIAM STEER

a minor in 1623    bur. Colebrooke May 28, 1696

m. (1) Margaret ----- bur. Colebrooke Mar. 2, 1636

m. (2) June 26, 1639 Anna (or Amy) Holmes

Issue:-

1. Anna Steer                bapt. Colebrooke Mar. 15, 1639
2. Robert Steer                bapt. Colebrooke Aug. 21, 1642    bur. Aug. 26, 1642
3. Anna Steer                born Colebrooke 1647    Spinster of Crediton 1677
- (?) bur. Hittesleigh Mar. 13, 1678
4. Richard Steer                of Crediton bur. Feb. 18, 1700
- m. Grace -----
5. John Steer                of Colebrooke - yeoman (see D)
- (and probably)
6. William Steer                of Crediton            bur. Jan. 4, 1701
- m. (1) Aug. 2, 1682 Mary Fletcher    bur. Nov. 9, 1690
- m. (2) Wilmot -----
- Issue:
- a. Mary Steer                bapt. Sept. 4, 1637
- b. Richard Steer    bapt. Nov. 12, 1690
- c. Wilmot Steer    bapt. Mar. 25, 1694
- d. William Steer    bapt. Aug. 12, 1700





D. JOHN STEER OF COLEBROOKE, yeoman. bur. Dec. 17, 1703.  
m. (1) June 15, 1696 Mary Skinner bur. July 18, 1696  
m. (2) Elizabeth -----

Issue:-

1. Mary Steer bapt. Colebrooke May 23, 1687
2. Grace Steer bapt. Colebrooke Jan. 15, 1688
3. John Steer bapt. Colebrooke Apr. 21, 1691  
bur. Colebrooke Sept. 4, 1711
4. Matthew Steer bapt. Colebrooke Apr. 23, 1693  
bur. Nov. 10, 1703
5. Anne Steer bapt. Colebrooke Apr. 3, 1696
6. William Steer bapt. Apr. 18, 1698 (see E).

E. WILLIAM STEER bapt. Colebrooke 1697 (?) bur. Aug. 5, 1762  
m. July 31, 1728 Phillis Holmes bur. Colebrooke Nov. 28, 1784

Issue:-

1. John Steer bapt. Colebrooke Jan. 15, 1729 (see F)
2. Mary Steer bapt. Colebrooke Oct. 5, 1731
3. William Steer bapt. Colebrooke Apr. 7, 1735
4. William Steer bapt. Colebrooke May 23, 1742  
m. Dec. 10, 1765 Mary Fitcher  
(?) bur. Aug. 24, 1783

Issue:-

- a. Ann Steer bapt. Colebrooke Jan. 9, 1767  
bur. Jan. 12, 1767
- b. William Steer bapt. Colebrooke Mar. 14, 1769
- c. Phyllis Steer bapt. Colebrooke May 13, 1771
- d. Thomas Steer bapt. Apr. 27, 1773

F. JOHN STEER bapt. Colebrooke Jan. 15, 1729 (?) bur. Feb. 22, 1795  
m. at Colebrooke Feb. 19, 1754 Ann Brookland

Issue:-

1. William Steer bapt. Colebrooke Nov. 27, 1754  
bur. Dec. 13, 1764
2. Mary Steer bapt. Colebrooke June 20, 1756  
an illegitimate son -  
William Steer bapt. Winkleigh Apr. 26, 1789
3. John Steer bapt. Colebrooke June 23, 1761
4. Thomas Steer bapt. Colebrooke June 7, 1763 (see G)
5. William Steer bapt. Colebrooke Jan. 30, 1769

m. Feb. 13, 1794 Elizabeth Parryman

Issue:-

- a. Susanna Steer bapt. Colebrooke Nov. 8, 1794
- b. Frances Steer bapt. Colebrooke Aug. 8, 1797
- c. William Steer bapt. Colebrooke Feb. 27, 1800
- d. Mary Steer bapt. Colebrooke Nov. 5, 1802
- e. Grace Steer bapt. Colebrooke Feb. 24, 1805
- f. John Steer bapt. Colebrooke July 12, 1807  
bur. Jan. 17, 1808
- g. John Steer bapt. Colebrooke Dec. 11, 1808  
bur. Dec. 23, 1808

\*Phillis Holmes was probably the daughter of

William Holmes bur. Colebrooke Aug. 16, 1741  
Hannah St----- Holmes bur. Colebrooke Nov. 28, 1759  
who were married at Colebrooke in 1703.





G. THOMAS STEER, agricultural laborer, bapt. Colebrooke June 7, 1763  
d. Winkleigh Dec. 22, 1837 age 77

m. at Colebrooke Jan. 13, 1788

Wilmot (or Winifred) Evans, dau. of John and Elizabeth Evans of Bow  
bapt. at Bow in 1764

d. Jan. 24, 1848 age 84

Issue:-

1. Thomas Steer

bapt. Colebrooke Sept. 14, 1788

living a widower at Hollacombe in 1851 age 65

m. at Winkleigh Dec. 4, 1814 Mary Stanlake  
born circa 1784

bur. Hollacombe Oct. 22, 1837

Issue:-

a. Mary Steer

bapt. Winkleigh May 25, 1815

b. Elizabeth Steer

bapt. Winkleigh Dec. 21, 1817

c. John Steer

bapt. Winkleigh Apr. 18, 1819

d. Thomas Steer

bapt. Winkleigh Apr. 26, 1821  
bur. Winkleigh Dec. 22, 1822

e. Thomas Steer

bapt. Winkleigh Nov. 18, 1827

f. Samuel Steer

bapt. Winkleigh Mar. 18, 1832

2. Ann Steer

bapt. Colebrooke Oct. 23, 1791

m. at Winkleigh May 4, 1812 Thomas Gorman

3. Wilmot Steer

bapt. Colebrooke Aug. 3, 1795

4. John Steer

bapt. Winkleigh July 19, 1800

m. April 16, 1825 Mary Hammet

born Winkleigh 1804

Issue:-

a. Thomas Steer

bapt. Winkleigh Dec. 27, 1826

b. John Steer

bapt. Winkleigh Apr. 26, 1829  
bur. Winkleigh Apr. 30, 1833

c. James Steer

bapt. Winkleigh Apr. 10, 1831

d. William Steer

bapt. Winkleigh Oct. 27, 1833  
bur. Winkleigh Dec. 29, 1833

e. William Steer

bapt. Winkleigh Nov. 23, 1834

f. Richard Steer

bapt. Winkleigh Sept. 10, 1837

5. Richard Evans Steer

bapt. Winkleigh May 13, 1804 (b. Wombworthy 1803)

m. at Winkleigh Dec. 24, 1828 Joanna Pitman

b. circa 1809 Winkleigh

Issue:-

a. William Steer

b. Wombworthy circa 1832  
bur. Dec. 29, 1833

b. John Steer

b. Wombworthy circa 1837

c. Samuel Steer

b. Winkleigh circa 1843

d. Susan Steer

b. Winkleigh circa 1845

e. Mary Steer

b. Winkleigh circa 1849

6. Mary Steer

bapt. Winkleigh Apr. 5, 1807

m. at Winkleigh Feb. 3, 1830 William Rendle

(and probably)

7. George Steer

b. Winkleigh circa 1804 living 1851  
(no baptismal record can be found)

m. at Winkleigh Apr. 20, 1829 Ann Kemp

b. Winkleigh circa 1805

Issue:-

a. Mary Ann Steer

bapt. Ashreigney Nov. 27, 1831

b. Grace Steer

bapt. Winkleigh May 25, 1834

c. William Steer

bapt. Winkleigh Oct. 2, 1836

d. Susannah Steer

b. Winkleigh circa 1840

e. George Steer

b. Winkleigh circa 1842

8. William Steer

cf. Winkleigh (see H)



H. WILLIAM STEER, probable son of Thomas and Wilnot Steer (no baptismal record found) laborer of Hollacombe and Winkleigh. d. Winkleigh Mar. 21, 1840 age 51. He named a daughter Wilnot - probably after his mother and sister. He was born circa 1789 and might have been the William Steer, son of Mary Steer, bapt. at Winkleigh Apr. 26, 1789 and was brought up by his uncle Thomas Steer as his own son.

m. at Winkleigh Jan. 6, 1813 Mary Sampson

Issue:-

1. Elizabeth (Mary) Steer bapt. Winkleigh July 4, 1813  
m. at Winkleigh June 11, 1817 Robert Harris
2. William Steer bapt. Winkleigh Mar. 10, 1816  
m. Mary, dau. of John Hanston
3. John Steer bapt. Winkleigh May 6, 1822
4. Thomas Steer bapt. Winkleigh May 19, 1822 (see I)
5. Wilnot Steer bapt. Winkleigh May 9, 1824
6. Ann Steer born Winkleigh circa 1826 (widow in 1851)  
m. ----- Westcott
7. Rachel Steer bapt. Winkleigh Feb. 3, 1828
8. John Steer bapt. Winkleigh Nov. 22, 1829  
bur. Apr. 30, 1833
9. John Steer bapt. Winkleigh Feb. 16, 1834

- I. THOMAS STEER born Winkleigh bapt. at Winkleigh May 19, 1822  
m. Nov. 7, 1842 Grace Mitchell, dau. of John Mitchell and Grace Hall's,  
born "Goswinds Cottage" Winkleigh  
bapt. Annwidyne July 7, 1822

Issue:-

1. John Steer b. Winkleigh Eng. Jan. 30, 1844
2. Anna Steer b. Winkleigh Eng. Mar. 24, 1845
3. Mary Ann Steer b. Winkleigh Eng. Feb. 11, 1848
4. William Steer b. Winkleigh Eng. Jan. 26, 1852

Thomas and Grace Steer with four children went to America in 1854

5. Thomas Steer b. Sept. 9, 1854
6. James Henry Steer b. May 10, 1856
7. Ellen Steer b. Nov. 30, 1857
8. Robert Steer b. May 26, 1860
9. Rachel Steer b. Nov. 17, 1862

\*See page vii for a portion of Grace Mitchell Steer's branch.



## THE MITCHELL FAMILY

William Mitchell m. Jane -----

Issue:-

- |                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| 1. William Mitchell       | bapt. Wombworthy Jan. 30, 1789                         |
| 2. Ann Mitchell           | bapt. Winkleigh Jan. 25, 1791                          |
| 3. <u>John Mitchell</u>   | bapt. <u>Winkleigh Mar. 17, 1793</u><br>(of whom next) |
| 4. George Reech Mitchell) |  |
| 5. Honor Mitchell )       | bapt. Winkleigh Dec. 20, 1795 (twins)                  |
| 6. James Mitchell         | bapt. Winkleigh May 13, 1798                           |
| 7. Grace Mitchell         | bapt. Winkleigh Oct. 12, 1800                          |
| 8. Elizabeth Mitchell     | bapt. Winkleigh July 3, 1803                           |
| 9. Mary Mitchell          | bapt. Winkleigh Sept. 7, 1806                          |
| 10. Jane Mitchell         | bapt. Winkleigh Sept. 24, 1809                         |

John Mitchell bapt. Winkleigh Mar. 17, 1793 died Illinois Jan. 18, 1877  
m. Grace Mills b. Tavistock circa 1796 died Illinois 1870

Issue:-

- |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| 1. Mary Ann Mitchell     | bapt. Winkleigh Feb. 13, 1814  |
| 2. William Mitchell      | bapt. Winkleigh Dec. 24, 1815  |
| 3. John Mitchell         | bapt. Ashreigney Apr. 19, 1818                                       |
| 4. James Mitchell        | bapt. Ashreigney Apr. 16, 1820                                       |
| 5. <u>Grace Mitchell</u> | bapt. Ashreigney July 7, 1822<br><u>m. Nov. 7, 1842 Thomas Stear</u> |
| 6. Elizabeth Mitchell    | bapt. Ashreigney Jan. 30, 1825                                       |
| 7. George Mitchell       | bapt. Winkleigh Jan. 25, 1829  |
| 8. Robert Mitchell       | bapt. Winkleigh June 12, 1831  |
| 9. Elon Mitchell         | bapt. Winkleigh May 12, 1833   |
| 10. Andrew Mitchell      | b. Winkleigh circa 1840  |







## THE THOMAS STEER FAMILY IN AMERICA

In England Thomas Steer was a tailor. One day a gypsy called at his shop and told Thomas that he would receive a letter from America, and that this letter would cause him to move his family to America within six months. Thomas scoffed at the prophecy, but the gypsy was right, nevertheless. In 1854, with their four children, Thomas and Grace sailed for America. The trip, of course, was by sailing vessel and they were frequently blown off their course so that it was eight weeks before they reached these shores. On the voyage their oldest child, John, fell overboard and was rescued with the greatest difficulty.

They first settled in Limestone Township, Peoria County, Illinois. Their other five children were born in Peoria County, and here the family was joined by Thomas's sister, Rachel. For several years Thomas was engaged in burning lime and then turned to farming, and in 1872 or 1873 the family settled in Stark County, Illinois.

In 1892 Thomas and Grace celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on their farm. Their nine children with their wives and husbands (except one) and twenty-one grandchildren were present. Following this event they left the farm and moved "in town" to Wyoming, Stark County, Illinois, where they had built a home for their declining years. Both are buried in the Wyoming cemetery.

In the manuscript I have included a tribute to Thomas Steer, and it seems fitting that somewhere I should quote from the remarks made at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage:

"During this half-century your union has been blessed with a large family, nine in number - six sons and three daughters, who with their husbands and wives and your grandchildren are here with us tonight, children who honor and love their father and mother most sincerely - and true family love is a priceless virtue . . . . We, your neighbors and friends, fully recognize the sterling honesty, virtue and integrity of your character; your kindness of heart and spirit of sociability and hospitality; and we consider your word as good as your bond. We are glad that you came to this country when you did, because we believe that the country and yourselves have been mutually benefited . . . ."

The greatest aid in compiling the genealogy of the Steer family in America was the scrap-book of Rachel Steer Duryea (my mother). Many accounts of weddings and deaths were among those clippings, and from them I was able to piece out several dates. Mother's birthday-book and a souvenir autograph-book from a Steer family reunion on August 13, 1933 added more information.

RHEA DURYEA JOHNSON

June 1943.



AN OLD FRIEND'S TRIBUTE

Mr. Thos. Steer, Sr.

Having been acquainted with father Steer, and on intimate terms of friendship with him and his estimable family for nearly twenty years, I feel warranted in saying a few things commendable about him. Mr. Steer was born and raised in England; he came to this country in the prime of his manhood. He at once sought to adapt himself to his new home and conditions, and became an American citizen as soon, and in every way, as he could - a proper thing to do. Being a man of industrious and economical habits, he gradually accumulated property, until he became a well to do farmer, and owner of a beautiful farm and home. He taught his family the same habits of thrift that characterized himself and noble wife; and thus prepared their children to become honorable bread winners, and not mere consumers. He was an honest man. His ruling principle was to deal fair and square with his neighbors and fellow beings. His word was as good as his note; and his notes never went to protest. He was a strictly moral man; and in his latter life became a true christian man, and was always a liberal supporter of the church, or any worthy benevolence. He was a very sociable and hospitable man. He loved good society; and at his own home was always ready to welcome and entertain his friends and neighbors in the best manner he could, and was never uncharitable to the stranger, or needy caller. He was a first class and patriotic citizen. He loved his adopted country, and stood for her interests and flag most loyally. In him the old soldiers always found a warm hearted friend. He enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him or did business with him. As a warmhearted, cordial, winsome man, he made friends in abundance and his friendships could not be broken by trifles or inuendos of enemies. We believe that his long, active and honorable life ended in the full triumphs of christian faith; and that he has gone home to the christian's heaven, where God will reward every person according to the deeds done in the body. He was a good man; an affectionate husband and father, and an honorable citizen. For the aged and greatly bereaved widow we join with a large circle of friends in offering our sincere sympathy and condolence in these days of her great sorrow; and pray God to sustain her, and her children, by His grace, until the pearly gates of the nightless city shall swing open to receive the wife and mother, with her children; where they all shall meet their loved ones gone before, in that beautiful world, where the shadows of death never come, and tears never flow. W. H. Jordan.

Note: Reverend Jordan performed the marriage ceremony for three of the Steer children and he also "re-married" Thomas and Grace at their 50th anniversary.





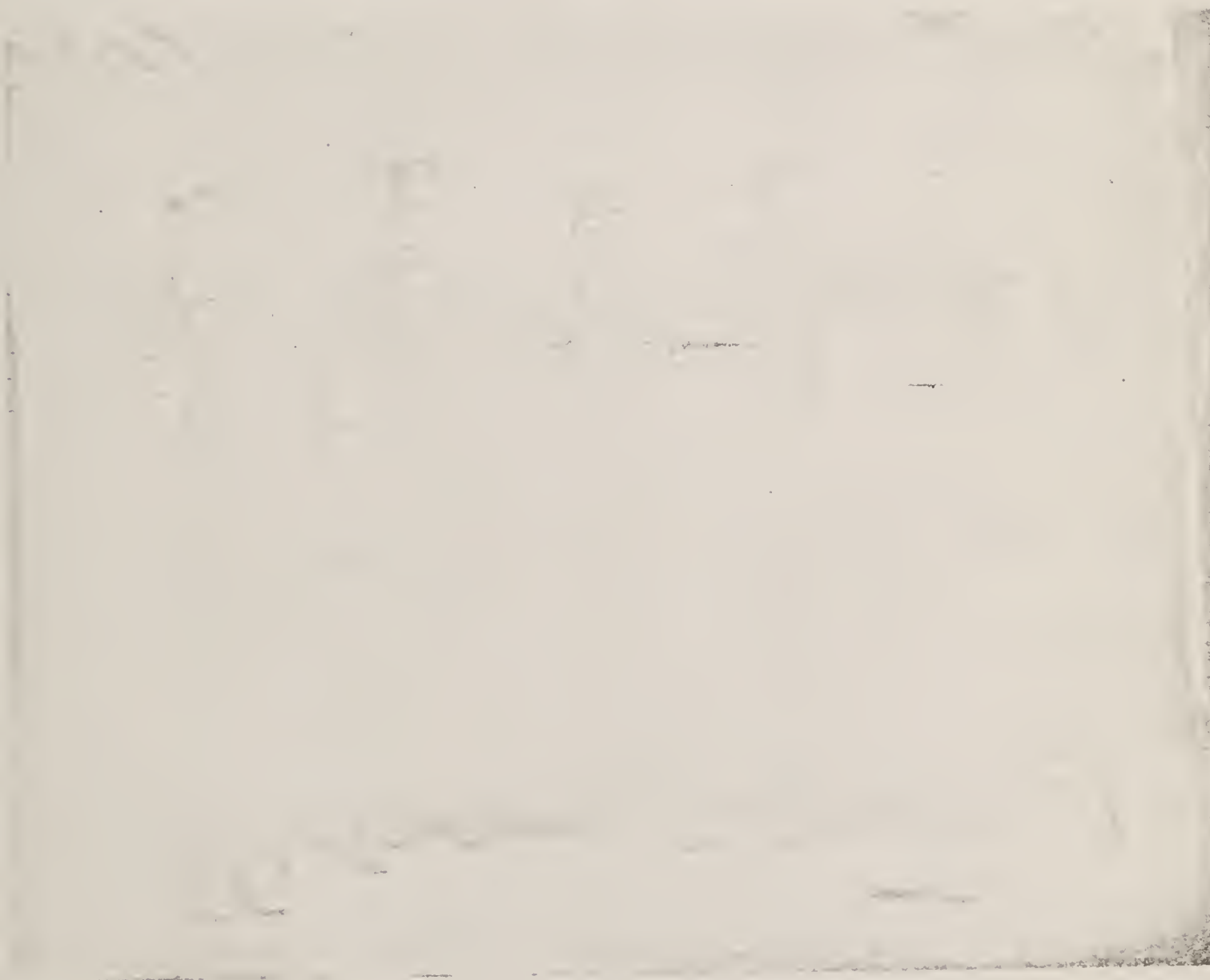
## THE STEER FAMILY IN AMERICA

THOMAS STEER - baptized May 19, 1822, Winkleigh parish, Devon, England;  
died April 6, 1900, Wyoming, Illinois;  
married November 7, 1842, Methodist Chapel, Forrington,  
Devon, England

GRACE MITCHELL - daughter of John and Grace (Hills) Mitchell -  
baptized July 7, 1822, Ashreigney, Devon, England;  
died March 25, 1912, Wyoming, Illinois.

There were nine children. This photograph of the family was  
taken prior to 1884.

Thomas      William      Rachel      James Henry      John



Robert      Anna      GRACE      THOMAS      Mary Ann      Ellen

NOTE: The baptism dates do not agree with the birth dates given in a  
previous outline (March 1940). It had been believed that Thomas  
was born in 1816 and Grace in 1819.





DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS AND GRACE (Mitchell) STEER

I. JOHN STEER - born January 30, 1844 - England;  
died January 19, 1926 - Dunlap, Illinois;  
married February 21, 1880 - Dunlap, Illinois -  
Jeannetta Harlan - born  
died February 21, 1927 - Dunlap, Illinois;  
She was an invalid and John had to hold her up during  
marriage ceremony. There was no issue by this union,  
had an adopted daughter - Eva May Steer, born Sept  
1872; died February 22, 1924 - Dunlap, Illinois.

II. ANNA STEER - born March 24, 1845 - England;  
died November 22, 1928 - Wyoming, Illinois;  
married January 1, 1875 - Stark County, Illinois -  
John Garside - brother of James who married Mary A  
born October 1849;  
died March 19, 1883 - Stark County, Illinois;

Issue:

II-A. J. William Garside - born June 12, 1878;

married October 14, 1909 - Wyoming, Illi  
Martha Sweetland - daughter of Dr. T. A.  
Sweetland -  
born August 2, 1881;

Issue:

II-A-1. Martha C. Garside - born April 13, 1911;

II-B. Walter Lee Garside - born December 1, 1882;

married (1st) November 9, 1905 - Reading  
Ruby Coleman - born November 1,

Issue:

II-B-1. John Garside - born September 15, 1907 -  
Pa.

married (2nd) June 12, 1920  
Rachel (Crapsey) Clark - widow - born

Issue:

II-B-2. Adelaide Garside - born December 10, 1924

Note: Anna and her sister, Mary Ann, "rode in a parade in celebration of  
election of Abraham Lincoln to the presidency of the United States in 1864  
excellant horsewomen and . . . were honored by being placed at the head of  
parade in Peoria."



- III. MARY ANN STEER -- born February 11, 1848 - England;  
died March 8, 1930 - Peoria, Illinois;  
married 1869 - Peoria County, Illinois -  
James E. Garside - brother of John who married Anna Steer -  
born December 19, 1847 - England;  
died August 13, 1901 - Peoria, Illinois;
- Issue:  
III-A. John F. Garside - born March 19, 1870;  
died March 24, 1926 - Peoria, Illinois;  
married November 23, 1894 - Peoria, Illinois -  
Lena Winkelmeier - born December 1,  
No issue.
- III-B. George Thomas Garside - born November 15, 1871;  
  
married September 10, 1896 - Peoria, Illinois -  
Alice May Topping - born September 16,  
No issue.
- IV. WILLIAM STEER - born January 26, 1852 - England;  
died September 5, 1936;  
married September 27, 1876 - Stark County, Illinois -  
Emma Phillips - born June 3, 1855;  
died August 11, 1934 - Braddyville, Iowa;
- Issue:  
IV-A. Nellie Steer - born July 4, 1878;  
  
married March 3, 1896  
William A. Burch - born January 11, 1877;
- Issue:  
IV-A-1. Lee Edgar Burch - born November 9, 1898;  
  
married (1st) May 31, 1917  
Elfreda T. Paulsen - born  
died November 25, 1927;
- Issue:  
IV-A-1-a. Matilda Josephine Burch - born March 11,  
1918;
- IV-A-1-b. Lee Edgar Burch, Jr. - born July 24, 1921;
- IV-A-1-c. Helen Louise Burch - born January 16, 1924;
- IV-A-1-d. Dorris Cecelia Burch - born May 10, 1926;  
  
married (2nd) February 14, 1930  
Velma McCullough - born



IV-A-2.

Mary J. Burch - born January 9, 1900;

married September 28, 1921

Eldon R. Mason - born

Issue:

IV-A-2-a.

Dorothy Edna Mason - born August 25,  
1922;

IV-A-2-b.

Raymond Eldon Mason -- born March 8,  
1924;  
died March 9, 1924.

IV-A-2-c.

Donald Leroy Mason - born August 3, 1925;

IV-A-2-d.

Robert Earl Mason - born March 15, 1929;

IV-A-2-e.

Etta Jane Mason -- born December 21, 1933;

IV-A-3.

Beulah Edna Burch - born November 10, 1902;

married (1st) November 26, 1922

Frank Fuller - born

Issue:

IV-A-3-a.

Betty Jane Fuller - born January 9, 1926;

IV-A-3-b.

Wilma Mae Fuller - born May 20, 1926;  
died April 18, 1928.

married (2nd) May 23, 1933

T. O. McCullough - born

IV-A-4.

Emma E. Burch - born October 30, 1907;

married March 25, 1929

William C. Reed - born

Issue:

IV-A-4-a.

Nellie Thelma Reed - born November 23,  
1929;

IV-A-4-b.

William Albert Reed - born August 13,  
1931;

IV-A-4-c.

Widnour Aden Reed - born August 7, 1933;

IV-A-4-d.

Rex Emmett Reed - born March 18, 1935;

IV-A-5.

William A. Burch, Jr. - born May 17, 1913;

married April 17, 1938

Leola Shipman - born







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- IV-B. Grace Steer - born June 11, 1883;  
married September 18, 1902  
Eddie W. Davison - born  
Issue:  
IV-B-1. Eddie Merle Davison - born January 5, 1904;  
died August 20, 1924.  
IV-B-2. Kenneth Lee Davison - born February 11, 1905;  
died September 29, 1905.  
IV-B-3. Eldon Laverne Davison - born May 29, 1906;  
married November 27, 1930  
Elizabeth Clement - born  
IV-B-4. Geneva Mae Davison - born October 29, 1907;  
died May 8, 1908.  
IV-B-5. Dwinton Davison - born April 20, 1912;  
married February 15, 1933  
Lois Sisk - born  
Issue:  
IV-B-5-a. Danna Grace Davison - born December 30,  
1933;  
IV-B-5-b. Dwinton Carroll Davison - born February 5,  
1936;  
IV-B-6. Blanche Irene Davison - born May 16, 1914;  
died September 29, 1916.  
IV-B-7. Ruth Agnes Davison - born February 16, 1916  
married September 29, 1934  
Stephen Starr - born  
IV-B-8. Elsa Ferne Davison - born October 5, 1922;  
IV-C. Blanche Aden Steer - born July 28, 1885;  
married March 30, 1904  
William Miles Russell - born  
Issue:  
IV-C-1. William Miles Russell - born December 11, 1905;  
died December 11, 1905.  
IV-C-2. Leland Miles Russell - born June 10, 1908  
married October 10, 1928  
Joseph Hilary Hawley - born



Issue:

Gilbert Miles Hawley Russell - born  
February 17, 1935;

IV-D. Thomas W. Steer - born August 12, 1891;

married August 26, 1912  
Mellie Powell - born

Issue:

IV-D-1. Estella Faye Steer - born November 28, 1913:

married March 6, 1932  
Donald V. Miller - born

Issue:

IV-D-1-a. Donald Eugene Miller - born July 29, 1933;  
died May 27, 1938.

IV-D-2. Grace Elizabeth Steer - born February 26, 1917;  
died August 26, 1931.

IV-D-3. William Robert Steer - born July 30, 1925;

IV-E. Opha Steer - born September 28, 1893;

married October 4, 1911  
Robert Delmar Greene - born

Issue:

IV-E-1. Gwendolyn Agatha Greene - born August 10, 1912;

married July 21, 1935  
Raymond Dale Bullock - born

Issue:

IV-E-1-a. Judith Wan Bullock - born November 9, 1936;

IV-E-2. Orma Amelia Jane Greene - born February 18, 1914;

married January 14, 1934  
Charles Stragier, Jr. - born

Issue:

IV-E-2-a. Charles Robert Stragier - born January 16,  
1936;

IV-E-3. Barbara Jean Greene - born March 11, 1915;

V. THOMAS STEER (JR.) - born September 26, 1864;

died January 20, 1940, en route to Florida;

married (1st) October 6, 1880 - Stark County, Illinois -

Eva Josephine Wright - daughter of John C. Wright and sister

of Emma who married Robert Steer - born May 30, 1859;

died May 16, 1922 - Grandville, Iowa;



Issue:

V-A. Ethel Rachel Steer - born October 10, 1881;  
died August 15, 1923 - Florida;  
married July 22, 1903  
Carl McClure - born July 16, 1882;

Issue:

V-A-1. Orville McClure - born April 11, 1903;  
V-A-2. Dorothy McClure - born September 19, 1911;

V-B. Arthur Steer - born October 24, 1883;

married January 24, 1905  
Ethell Barringer - born

No issue.

married (2nd) August 16, 1923  
Elizabeth Seelye - widow - born November 13, 1857;

VI. JAMES HENRY STEER - born May 10, 1856;  
died January 7, 1898 - Kewanee, Illinois;  
married November 22, 1882 - Stark County, Illinois -  
Sarah Jane Boggs - daughter of Ezekiel Boggs -  
born February 11, 1865;  
died January 16, 1896 - Kewanee, Illinois;

Issue:

VI-A. Amy Merle Steer - born March 14, 1884;  
married October 28, 1908  
Thomas Hawkes - born March 8, 1884 - West Bromwich,  
Staffordshire, England -

Issue:

VI-A-1. Mary Louise Hawkes - born August 8, 1914;  
married August 16, 1937  
Kenneth Darrell Bertelson - born June 2,  
1912;

VI-A-2. William James Hawkes - born September 23, 1919;

VI-A-3. Lois Elaine Hawkes - born January 24, 1921;

VI-B. Nora Edith Steer - born December 6, 1886;  
died May 31, 1948;

VI-C. Jessie Lois Steer - born December 14, 1887;  
died February 7, 1891.





- VII. ELON STEER (senior) - born November 30, 1858;  
died April 18, 1933 - Peoria, Illinois;  
married January 1, 1883 - Canton, Illinois -  
Eliza Nelson - daughter of Major Horatio Clark Nelson and  
Eliza Nelson -  
born July 26, 1861 - Canton, Illinois;  
died December 27, 1939 - Peoria, Illinois;
- Issue:
- VII-A. Nelson Steer - born October 6, 1883;  
died January 10, 1911;  
married February 17, 1904  
Anne Thomas - daughter of Judge Frank Thomas (born  
9/14/1848) and Julia (Hoover) Thomas (born 3/2/1862)  
who were married 4/12/1882 -  
born September 27, 1884;  
died December 5, 1939;
- Issue:
- VII-A-1. Thomas Nelson Steer - born June 25, 1907;
- VII-A-2. Grace Steer - born May 1, 1909;  
  
married (1st) July 12, 1936  
Ivan Sours - born
- Issue:
- VII-A-2-a. Anne Louise Sours - born November 18, 1920;  
  
married (2nd) July 18, 1931  
Dale Thompson - born June 12, 1906;
- Issue:
- VII-A-2-b. Joan Lee Thompson - born May 14, 1933
- VII-A-3. Robert E. Steer - born October 15, 1911;  
  
married September 11, 1933  
Diantha Guest - born July 30, 1911;
- Issue:
- VII-A-3-a. William Nelson Steer - born July 29, 1935;
- VII-B. Elon Steer, Jr. - born October 4, 1885;  
  
married October 2, 1907  
Maudie C. Anderson - daughter of Albert H. Anderson  
(born 6/1/1853) and Laura (Himes) Anderson (born  
7/26/1851) who were married 6/27/1877 -  
born November 5, 1864;



Issue:

VII-B-1.

Mary Elizabeth Steer - born August 13, 1910;

married June 14, 1933

Henry H. Zang - born October 28, 1907;

Issue:

VII-B-1-a.

Henry Elon Zang - born April 4, 1936;

VII-B-1-b.

Richard Paul Zang - born April 22, 1939;

VII-B-2.

Albert Elon Steer - born January 18, 1912;

married September 19, 1936

Inez Ellen Smith - born June 9, 1911;

VII-B-3.

Jack Anderson Steer - born July 4, 1919;

married July 25, 1939

Helen Christina Wright - born March 17, 1922;

VII-C.

Thomas Clifford Steer - born April 21, 1887;

married June 15, 1906

Edwana Crone - daughter of Henry L. Crone (born 1863) and Ann (Graves) Crone (born 1865) who were married in 1886 -

born April 16, 1887;

died September 2, 1928;

Issue:

VII-C-1.

Kenneth Steer - born 1906;  
died 1920.

VII-C-2.

Mildred Steer - born 1908;  
died 1912.

VII-C-3.

Elmer Steer - born 1915;  
died 1919.

VII-C-4.

Ardith Steer - born February 7, 1920;

VII-D.

<sup>Clark</sup>  
Horatio/Steer - born 1889;  
died 1890.

VII-E.

Reginald Clark Steer - born September 9, 1891;  
died January 19, 1894.





VII-F.

(unnamed)  
Charles (second) Steer - born 1894;  
died in infancy.

VII-G.

Oscar Steer - born January 30, 1900;

married June 26, 1924

Gladys Y. Glenn - daughter of Isaac D. Glenn (born  
5/17/1858) and Helen (Otto) Glenn (born 2/3/1859)  
who were married 2/26/1893 -  
born August 25, 1899;

Issue:

VII-G-1.

Helen Ann Steer - born March 1, 1926;

VII-G-2.

John O. Steer - born August 29, 1930;

VIII.

ROBERT STEER - born May 26, 1860;

died November 17, 1913 - Kewanee, Illinois;

married March 8, 1882 - Stark County, Illinois -

Emma L. Wright - daughter of John C. Wright, and sister of  
Eva Josephine who married Thomas Steer (junior) -  
born October 20, 1861;

Issue:

VIII-A.

Frederick LeRoy Steer - born August 21, 1882;

married May 15, 1909

Edith Duncan - born January 21, 1882;

Issue:

VIII-A-1.

Frederick Steer - born March 26, 1914;

married September 22, 1935

Eleanor Giese - born August 14, 1914;

Issue:

VIII-A-1-a.

Beverly Jean Steer - born May 3, 1936;

VIII-A-1-b.

Frederick Duncan Steer - born December 1,  
1938;

VIII-A-2.

George R. Steer - born October 16, 1916;

VIII-A-3.

James Steer - born December 26, 1918;

VIII-B.

Nina Edith Steer - born August 24, 1887;

married April 23, 1914

Chester L. Olson - born November 6, 1891;



Issue:

VIII-B-1.

Margaret Grace Olson - born April 9, 1915;

married December 25, 1936

Collins - born

Issue:

VIII-B-1-a.

Louis James Collins - born May 8, 1938;

VIII-B-2.

Bernice Olson - born January 2, 1918;

VIII-B-3.

Jean Olson - born May 2, 1919;

VIII-B-4.

Chester Olson (junior) - born May 2, 1921;

VIII-C.

Robert Lincoln Steer - born November 22, 1899;

married November 27, 1919

Clara C. Holler - born November 24, 1900;

Issue:

VIII-C-1.

Dorothy Evelyn Steer - born October 5, 1924;

VIII-C-2.

Robert Steer - born March 3, 1927;

IX.

RACHEL STEER - born November 17, 1862 - Limekiln Township, Peoria County, Illinois;

died December 27, 1942 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

married August 13, 1884 - near Wyoming, Stark County, Ill. -

Charles Edgar Duryea - son of George Washington Duryea (born 12/6/1835, died 5/4/1883) and Louisa (Turner) Duryea (born 12/22/1841, died 2/6/1932) who were married 3/12/1861 -

born December 18, 1861 - near Canton, Fulton County, Illinois; died September 28, 1932 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

Issue:

IX-A.

Rhea Edna Duryea - born November 11, 1885 - Peoria, Illinois;

married October 29, 1927 - Philadelphia, Penna. -

W. Harvey Johnson - son of Wilberforce Johnson

(born 1/20/1848, died 4/23/1923) and Georgia

(Simmons) Johnson (born 11/15/1849) who were married 2/10/1874 -

born September 14, 1875 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

died October 14, 1936 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

No issue.

IX-B.

Grace Louise Duryea - born August 28, 1892 - Springfield, Massachusetts;



IX-C. Herle Junius Duryea - born June 22, 1895 - Peoria, Illinois;

married June 6, 1928 - Holyoke, Massachusetts -  
Marion Ellen Perkins - daughter of John Lewis  
Perkins and Melvina (Perron) Perkins -  
born May 9, 1904 - Holyoke, Massachusetts;

Issue:

IX-C-1. Jo-An Duryea - born January 4, 1929 - Springfield,  
Massachusetts;

IX-C-2. Carolyn Jane Duryea - born May 17, 1934 -  
Springfield, Massachusetts;

Rachel Steer Duryea  
in 1939



Charles E. Duryea  
in 1937

